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EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to expand the existing telephone exchanges in West Bengal particularly the Barjora telephone exchange of Bankura district, during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide better telephone services in the telephone exchanges of Bankura district?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) The detailed plan for expansion of the existing exchanges in West Bengal during 2000-2001 is not yet finalised. However, it is proposed to expand Barjora telephone exchange by 1000 lines.
(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken are as under:
(I) Overhead lines are being replaced gradually by under ground jelly filled type cables.

(II) Replacement of old and worn out dropwire, housewiring, telephone instrument etc.

(III) Replacement of old batteries of the exchanges.

(IV) Arranging additional engine alternators for areas where power supply is not reliable.

(V) Reliable transmission media like optical fibre cable technology are being inducted in the rural network.

(VI) WLL and TDMA/PMP technologies will be used to provide the telecom facilities in remote and rural areas. -